

REMARKS

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous interview granted to Attorneys Joshua D. Isenberg and Hao Y. Tung on October 17, 2007 with Examiners Kelly Stouffer and Timothy Meeks. The Furendal reference (US Patent 4,293,596) was discussed with respect to claims 1 and 10. No agreement was reached. However, as recommended by the Office after conclusion of the interview, Applicant provides herein a further response regarding the allowability of claim 10 and its dependent claims over Furendal.

CLAIM 10 IS ALLOWABLE OVER FURENDAL

Claim 10 is allowable over Furendal as it recites that the first solvent and second solvent are the same. This means that the film when deposited also contains the same solvent that is used in the vapor to anneal it. In the examples provided by Furendal, the main solvent used to form the film is water. Applicant, however, fails to see where Furendal uses water vapor to anneal the film. Applicant welcomes the Office to provide citations in Furendal that show the annealing of the organic film by exposing it to a vapor of a second solvent for a period of time sufficient to render at least an outermost portion of the organic film insoluble in the first solvent, wherein the first solvent and second solvent are the same solvent. Applicant has not found such a showing in Furendal.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Furendal does not teach all features of claim 10 as required for anticipation. Based on the aforementioned, Claim 10 and its dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION:

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants submit that all claims (in particular claims 10, 20, and their dependent claims) are allowable over the cited art and define an invention suitable for patent protection. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment, reconsider the application, and issue a Notice of Allowance in the next Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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